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1. FEBRUARY 6 FBIS REPORTS FEBRUARY 5 EDITION EL NACIONAL INTERPRETED STATE DEPARTMENT REFUSAL TO ALLOW EMBARGO OF SUPERIOR OIL AS QUOTE ANOTHER MOCKERY OF USG TOWARD VENEZUELA UNQUOTE. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO REFER TO TEXTS OF BOTH NOTES IN RESPONDING TO ANY INQUIRIES ABOUT THE HIGHLY MISLEADING EL NACIONAL STORY.

2. TEXT OF DEPARTMENT NOTE DATED NOVEMBER 17, 1973:
QUOTE:
THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT FROM THE EMBASSY OF VENEZUELA OF A NOTE, NO. 2054-N3, DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1973, TRANSMITTING A LETTER ROGATORY ISSUED BY THE
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SECOND CIVIL COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE IN THE JUDICIAL

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CIRCUIT OF THE FEDERAL DISTRICT AND THE STATE OF MIRANDA IN THE PROCEEDINGS BY THE VENEZUELAN NATION AGAINST THE SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA.

THE DEPARTMENT IS UNABLE TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO THE COURT IN VENEZUELA IN THIS MATTER. THE EMBASSY MAY WISH TO INFORM THE AUTHORITIES IN VENEZUELA THAT LETTERS ROGATORY

DO NOT CONFER UPON UNITED STATES COURTS THE AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE THE JUDGMENTS OF THE COURTS OF FOREIGN NATIONS. THE PLAINTIFF IN THE VENEZUELAN ACTION WOULD HAVE TO RETAIN COUNSEL IN THE UNITED STATES AND INITIATE A SEPARATE LITIGATION TO ENFORCE THE JUDGMENT. ENCLOSURE: LETTER ROGATORY RETURNED. UNQUOTE.

3. TEXT OF VENEZUELAN EMBASSY NOTE: QUOTE:

NO. 2054-N3

THE EMBASSY OF VENEZUELA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND HAS THE HONOR TO REQUEST ITS GOOD OFFICES BEFORE THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LETTER OF ROGATORY ENCLOSED, DULY TRANSLATED, ISSUED BY THE SECOND CIVIL COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE IN THE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE FEDERAL DISTRICT AND THE STATE OF MIRANDA IN THE PROCEEDINGS BY THE VENEZUELAN NATION AGAINST THE SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA.

THE EMBASSY OF VENEZUELA WILL COVER ALL EXPENSES RESULTING FROM THIS LETTER OF ROGATORY.

THE EMBASSY OF VENEZUELA AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
NOVEMBER 6, 1973 UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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